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PAISED SUEZ CANAL.

UPWARD BOUND:—*Rhipos*, September 1
Anzhica, 4; *Zanabzar*, 11; *Paoting*,
25; *Poyang*, 29; *Tenich*, Oct. 6.
Bentary, *Glenarry*, 9; *Salazie*, *Epi-*
gonia, *Polyphemus*, 13; *Glammorgan*,
shire, *Ghazie*, 16; *Bombay*, *Pinquay*,
23.

DOWNWARD BOUND:—*Hindutan*, Sept. 18
Exc, Oct. 2; *Handy*, *Exc*, Oct. 9.
Tenich, *Pitan*, *Pandora*, 13; *Mo-*
yah, *Radworshire*, 16; *Mahoa*, *Aglais*,
Afghan, *Durmstadt*, 23.

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MAN MAIL of 29th Sept., left Singapore on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 30th Oct.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamer *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, Yokohama and Kobe, left Shanghai for Hongkong on Oct. 25th at 5 p.m.

URING the week ending 25th Oct., 1891
4 Europeans and 1,660 Chinese visited

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Peshawar*, which arrived to-day with the English Mail, has been sent to the quarantine station, there being a case of small-pox on-board.

a. *Thibet* left Singapore for this port on 22nd.

MESSRS Kuhn & Co. have received a large consignment of splendid jewellery from Europe, which will be on sale at low rates during the next few days.

MESSRS Dodwell, Carlill & Co, inform
that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co

THE *Daily Press* says the construction of a new bridge over the Bowrington Canal has been decided upon. It was decided upon two years ago, but in affairs of government there is often a long interval between

Messrs Melchers & Co. inform us that

Captain H. Supper, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin to the 21st Sept., left Singapore yesterday (Sunday) the 25th inst., at 10 a.m., and is due here on Friday morning, the 30th inst.

publishing false reports in its paper so
days ago regarding the late triennial

The exact reason is not yet known.

A BIG fish, measuring about 5 or 6 feet in length and weighing 350 lbs., was caught and exposed for sale in the Central Market yesterday, and as fish of such a size are very rare in these waters, quite a crowd was collected about the fish-stalls to glance at or to buy a portion of the monster, which was being sold in retail in the afternoon. The fish resembles what is locally termed garoupa. It has a double

of scales, that is, one set over the scales and the other under the skin, forming a sort of cuirass over the flesh. The Chi-

call it by the name of *Loong Tun* (龍騰).
 The *Extremo-Oriente* learns that by order of the Minister of Marine (海軍部) the terms of the old opium monopoly of Macao has been extended in consideration of a certain sum. The sum is not to be overlooked, says the contemporary, but it could be much enhanced if the proposal previously made by a syndicate headed by respectable persons

was considered. This syndicate offered much higher sum than the old farmers with better guarantees, but possibly t

were such influences in Macao that the farmers were preferred. It is said Governor Borja was completely in ignorance of this scandal, and that he had been doing his best for the syndicate with a view of securing the best interest of the colony. The action of the metropolitan government in remaining deaf to the advice of Governor Borja is incomprehensible.

the tobacco estates there are all going through that crucial stage which is making all new industries. Several companies

on which is sown and reaped in less than three months should yield a profit for the first year. They were blind to the fact that the initial expenditure in opening new estates in a new country, and the necessity for providing for the large percentage of sick and dying, which is generally met with during the first year; but in Mr Cook's opinion, the greatest drawback which is met with is the difficulty in procuring experienced and efficient managers with a perfect knowledge of fermenting the tobacco. The *China Press* holds that those conversant with

difficulties which were experienced in will not be astonished at the troubles we have militated against the immediate cessation of growing the leaf in Borneo. It seems to be that many people in Britain, who were not aware of the original troubles in Sumatra, have put their money into tobacco growing in Borneo, and as returns have not forthcoming they have become faint-hearted.

Tax *Neposaki Express* says: "The work regarding the bottom of the German steamer *Helene Bickmers* is progressing rapidly towards completion, and at the present rate of progress we understand the vessel will be ready for sailing by the middle of next month. It is a little more than was at first expected, judging by the amount of work to be done."

Artificial frost prevention is now suggested as an outgrowth of Senator Farwell's scheme for artificial rain production.

C. Kniffin of Chicago writes to the *Neposaki Express* on the subject. He says: "The theory is that clouds or artificial mists will reflect the radiation of the heat from the earth. He suggests that the machine and materials used by Colonel Dyrenforth in his experiments at the University of Chicago in bringing the clouds closer to the earth, creating a sort of fog, which will be a preventive against the ravages of frost."

Mr. Howell	20	26	16
Mr. C. D. Wilkinson	21	20	20
Major Turner	13	15	14

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owing to complaints having reached him of dealers combining to put up their prices in the face of very full supplies, and if he had any repetition of these complaints he will look out the offenders and have them severely punished.

The destitution at this port at present is shocking, and must needs be on the increase as the winter draws near. The above warning to the rice dealers points to the authorities being fully alive to this, and shows that they are doing all that lies in their power to alleviate the existing distress.

The chief obstacle to the proper formation of our Volunteer Corps, in the question of arms, is the Government's refusal to supply them. The Chinese wish to arm themselves, to resist attacks from a mob, that all the rifles should be of the same pattern, and in that case, all are able to procure suitable ammunition. The Government, on the other hand, insist on selling to their unprotected subjects in Foochow, 50 British Rifles for £150 or roughly speaking \$200 each. Why should British Subjects who pay \$5 Registration fee, and who are to be the first to die in defence of their lives and property? The Foochow folks do not want to 'po' Chinamen at 500 yards range, they want a useful carbine and a sword bayonet for use at close quarters. They are willing to buy the Government drilled troops, and the suggestion made at the meeting on Thursday last, that the government send up 300 carbines to be served out to volunteers, and returned into store when the Government troops are disbanded. Should the Government refuse to do this, we must depend on our fowling pipes, of which nearly every man in the port possesses one and which he can probably use with great accuracy. A bullseye or wire carbide makes very true practice up to 50 yards and is quite enough to make a rabble turn tail.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH
MAIL.

BYE-ELECTIONS.
London, October 11th.—Mr Jebb, Conservative, has been returned unopposed as member for Cambridge University in place of the late Mr Kekes.
Mr Murray, the Conservative candidate, was yesterday elected member for Bute-shire, defeating Mr Macculloch, the Gladstonian-Liberal, by a majority of 376, the voting being—for Mr Murray thirteen hundred and sixty-five; and for Mr Macculloch nine hundred and ninety.
[Both are Conservative seats.]
PARFELL'S BURIAL.

London, October 11th.—Mr. Parnell's body was removed from Brighton yesterday for conveyance to Holyhead. Representatives from the London branch of the National League met the remains at Willesden Junction and reverently defiled before the coffin. The followers of Mr. MacCarthy have decided to abstain from taking part in the funeral, fearing that their presence might cause a riot. A number of loafers shouted 'murderer' after Mr. Dillon in the streets of Dublin.

London, October 11th.—The body of the late Mr. Parnell reached Dublin at 7 o'clock this morning, and an enormous and

sympathetic crowd awaited the arrival of the remains. A procession was formed headed by a band playing funeral marches, and by Mr Parnell's colleagues of the various branches of the National League escorting the funeral car to the City Hall, where the body now lies in state.

London, October 12th.—Thousands of people viewed the coffin containing the remains of the late Mr Parnell. The coffin was afterwards removed and placed in a hearse, and the funeral cortege, which extended several miles long, started from the City Hall to Glaineiv. As the mournful procession wound its way through the streets it offered a spectacle of unprece-

dented solemnity. Surrounding the hearse were the colleagues of Mr. Parnell, and after them the Mayors and members of the Municipal bodies of Dublin, Cork, and elsewhere, deputations from several National League branches, and from other Societies, with the bands, alternately playing funeral marches, following them. The route was packed with people, many of whom had come in special trains from all parts of Ireland. The coffin reached Glaineville cemetery at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, and a surging crowd was collected at its gates, where several scuffles took place. The coffin was deposited on a platform, after which the people, with uncon-

ed heads, reverently bowed before it. The service was impressive and was concluded in the moonlight.

THE RUSSIAN EXPEDITION TO THE PAMIRS.

St. Petersburg, October 10th.—Despatches received here state that Prince Goltz's expedition to the Pamirs has safely traversed Kashgar, Yarkand, and Kargah.

RUSSIA AND THE PAMIRS.

In military opinion the Pamirs are of little strategical value, and Government is believed to be disinclined to take any decided steps to counteract the Russian advance beyond the Karakoram Range. If America resents the intrusion of Russia into this region, she will certainly be obliged to

**THE RANK OF OFFICERS IN THE
VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.**
London, October 8th.—A Royal Warrant issued yesterday fixes the substantive rank of officers of the Veterinary Department as follows:—Veterinary Colonel; Veterinary Lieutenant Colonel; Veterinary Major; Veterinary Captain; Veterinary Lieutenant. These officers will be paid at full rates, and

receive half retired pay. The Warrants also fix a retirement gratuity.

THE NEW HONGKONG BATTALION. The Chinese of the 10th and 11th Regiments of the Hong Kong Garrison are being retrained by the British Army. The 10th Regiment is being retrained as a motor battalion and the 11th as a light infantry battalion. The new Hong Kong battalion is now being registered at Army headquarters. The Commander-in-Chief will select a certain number of officers and men from the 10th and 11th Regiments to form the new Hong Kong Battalion. The Colonial Office have ruled that the allowances for Indian officers serving with the new Hong Kong Regiment shall be only £100 per annum.

PAROULING OF MR. PARNELL'S DEATH. On October 8.—Mr Parnell, in defiance of his doctors, proceeded to Ireland last Sunday week and addressed a large meeting at Galway. He returned to Brighton feeling ill, and on Friday was

He sank rapidly, dying in the arms of his wife.
Only his wife and medical attendants were present during Mr. Farnell's illness, which was totally unknown to his party.

THE NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.
The new Russian loan of two millions sterling, bearing interest at three per cent, has been issued in Paris, London and Amsterdam. The minimum rate fixed is seventy-eight pounds seven shillings.

LOSS OF A SWITZER STEAMER.
Hamburg, October 10.—The British steamer *Atlethen* from Bassin, has been sunk through a hole in the ice in the Elbe.

OBITUARY.
The death is announced of Isaac Newton Wallop, Earl of Portsmouth.

